

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018 – 9:30 AM

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences

The following members were in attendance: Sue Callaway, Chair; Diann Nazarian; Bobbe Stephan; Kent Stephan; Garnet Timbario; Jon Stiffler, Public Works Supervisor; and Rick Gentile, Public Works Assistant. Carol Stevenson and Donna Farrow were absent.

Review and Approval of October 26, 2018 CEC Meeting Minutes

After reviewing the minutes of the October 26th meeting, Kent Stephan motioned approval which was seconded by Bobbe Stephan. They were unanimously approved by the group.

Comments from CEC members

There were no comments from CEC members.

Update from Department of Public Works

Jon Stiffler, Public Works Supervisor presented an overview of Public Works current and future activities. He reported on the following items: Holiday lights installation and removal dates; winter projects; painting of lifeguard stands; continued pruning of landscaping town-wide; drainage issue on Periwinkle; spring installation of fencing on beach walkways; maintenance input on beach access proposed suggestions to the Ad Hoc Committee; crepe myrtle pruning (March); planting of rye grass in median; and possible fertilizing of crepe myrtles.

2019 50th SB Anniversary Celebration Update - CEC Involvement

The next meeting of the Anniversary Committee will be in January which Sue Callaway plans to attend. The CEC will host a Committee table and volunteer in other anniversary activities. The group confirmed the decision to "Give-away" 200 geraniums. Sue has begun the planning for the Cornhole Tournament.

Development 2019 CEC Initiatives and FY20 CEC Budget

- Sue Callaway announced that the town received written confirmation regarding the award of the fitness grant from the Delaware Department of State Parks. In light of the confirmation, the group discussed the pieces of equipment that would be purchased and added to the existing Fitness Area. The group agreed to contract again with Liberty Parks and purchase the same style equipment. The group also agreed that if the funds were sufficient to purchase a bench that matches the equipment. Sue will follow up with Liberty Parks in January and schedule a meeting to review the site and discuss appropriate locations for the proposed equipment pieces and any necessary excavation.
- The group then moved to prepare a DRAFT FY 20 CEC Budget. Each previous FY 19 category was reviewed and discussion took place on the scheduling and costs of several initiatives such as the Ocean Drive Art Boards; the Photography Exhibit; and the Adopt Program needs. The group voted to include a new initiative as part of the Comprehensive Plan Goal 6: "The South Bethany Healthy Walking Trail." Sue Callaway agreed to follow up with the sign company that prepared the Historic Signs to determine costs and design possibilities. The signs would promote walking "trails" throughout South Bethany by specifying the mileage of specific streets in South Bethany. The group has proposed a possible 4 signs located on the following streets: 1) The Fitness Area; 2) Canal Drive; 3) Route 1 Pedestrian Walkway; and 4) Ocean Drive. The Dagsboro Walking Trail was used as the inspiration piece for the proposed initiative. Costs will be confirmed prior to the January 14th submission of the CEC FY 20 to the Finance Director.

Adjournment to CEC Annual Holiday Luncheon

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Gentile and seconded by Bobbe Stephan. The group then enjoyed their annual CEC luncheon which included CEC members, spouses and town staff.